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NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft National Population Policy is bereft of health infrastructure in terms of inadequate contraceptive services, specialists and trained manpower and funding; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to allocate more funds to run more health sub-centres to achieve success of the family planning programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): National Population Policy 2000 has identified meeting the unmet needs for contraception, health care infrastructure and health personnel and to provide integrated service delivery as our immediate objective with following interventions.

(i) Strengthen, community health centres, primary health centres sub-centres;

(ii) Strengthen skills of health personnel and health providers;

(iii) At district and sub-district levels, maintain block-wise database of private medical practitioners whose credentials may be certified by the Indian Medical Association. Explore the possibility of accrediting these private practitioners for a year at a time, and assign to each a satellite population, not exceeding 5000 population, for whom they provide reproductive and child health services.

(iv) Revive the earlier system of the licensed medical practitioners who, after appropriate certificate from the Indian Medical Association, may participate in the provisional of clinical services.

(v) Involve the non-medical fraternity in counseling and advocacy so as to demystify the national family welfare efforts.

In addition to the ongoing government funding towards population stabilisation, a National Population Stabilisation Fund with a seed money of Rs.100 Crore has been set up to specifically aid projects designed to contribute to population stabilisation efforts inclusive of projects for urban slums. Additionally funds for supplies and equipment essential for meeting the unmet needs for contraception could be provided through re-appropriation within existing allocations or by additional resources being made available.